

H. Res. 832

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

January 28, 2008.

Whereas the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) was honored as a 2007 recipient of the Environmental Protection Agency's Performance and Innovation in the SRF Creating Environmental Success (PISCES) Award on November 5, 2007;

Whereas the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program in Texas has been a front-runner and a precedent-setting program in wastewater management for many years, and its CWSRF leveraging practices as well as other established management practices are used by many other States as examples to enhance the management of their funds;

Whereas the CWSRF program in Texas has successfully awarded communities approximately \$4,300,000,000 in low-interest loans to finance 472 water infrastructure projects across Texas;

Whereas these projects, which serve approximately one-half of the population of Texas and treat about 2,100,000,000 gallons per day of wastewater, provide direct environmental and public health benefits;

Whereas the TWDB is proposing to increase the marketability and demand for the CWSRF program by pursuing

the use of extended loan terms beyond the authorized 20-year term to a 30-year term;

Whereas the TWDB developed a State Revolving Fund Information Management System to satisfy the need for more timely and accurate information on the status of water and wastewater loan projects as those projects move through the phases of the preapplication process and beyond;

Whereas the TWDB has actively encouraged asset management as evidenced by its creation of a Best Management Practices Guide for water conservation;

Whereas the TWDB established direct authority and responsibility for the coordination of the CWSRF program by creating State Revolving Fund Coordinator positions;

Whereas the TWDB's Intended Use Plan Post-Mortem Review was lauded for identifying various activities that will be used in improving future CWSRF Intended Use Plan development processes;

Whereas the TWDB holds interoffice planning meetings that serve as monthly forums to provide for interoffice discussion on State Revolving Fund policies, procedures and processes, and deadlines;

Whereas the TWDB assigned cross-functional, multidisciplinary teams to manage project performance review from application phase through construction, and these teams are responsible for identifying and developing solutions to project circumstances that may cause a project to fall behind its schedule; and

Whereas the TWDB was also noted for its outstanding regional water planning activities, best management practices in the areas of nonpoint source pollution funding,

instream flow program, work with the United States Army Corps of Engineers to amend the Federal water resources development legislation to further enhance its watershed approach, funding of water reuse projects, agricultural and municipal water conservation projects, and water conservation education activities: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) honors the Texas Water Development Board on its selection by the Environmental Protection Agency as a 2007 Performance and Innovation in the SRF Creating Environmental Success (PISCES) Award recipient; and

(2) recognizes the importance of adequate investment and management of water resources in sustainable development, including environmental integrity and human health and overall quality of life in the United States.

Attest:

Clerk.